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JUST A WORD.

The Astorian does not care to be continually singing its praises, but in order that people be not led astray by false statements it desires to state that it has the largest circulation of any newspaper published on the Columbia river and has always had since it was started and as the old saying is "that the proof of the pudding is in the eating." we are willing at any time to have our advertisers go through our books and satisfy themselves as to this matter.

And while speaking on this subject, we desire to state the Astorian is a legitimate business institution and not an object of charity. The J. S. Dellinger Co., which publishes it has a pay roll of over \$1200 a month and disburses \$30,000 a year. Its business comes from all over Oregon, Washington, Idaho and northern California and it brings thousands of dollars here during the year. It pays its obligations and endeavors to do business on business principles. It can live and prosper even if it is boycotted by some of the saloons, dance hall partisans and people who are in favor of breaking the law. It has been published for the past thirty-three years and will probably be published as many more and will always be found on the side of right and justice.

Beginning with Sunday, October 15th, the Sunday issue will consist of twelve pages, four of which will be an illustrated section such as is furnished by the large newspapers of the country and which has been secured by us for our patrons.

A MEMENTO MORI.

Murder and suicide are unpleasant enough, but as literary material Poe and Hawthorne would have rejoiced in the circumstances revealed by the self destruction of one Herzog in North Dakota. The wretch had written a confession before he hanged himself, setting forth that he had killed a young woman named Grombacher in Ohio thirty years ago and that an innocent man had been hanged for the crime. The case thus parallels another, reported recently, in which a dying murderer confessed to a deed for which another had suffered the extreme penalty.

When Miss Grombacher was killed she wore a green veil and when her slayer hanged himself he wore a piece of this veil about his neck. He had been carrying it ever since he had put her to death. It used to be said that a murderer was certain to return, in time, to the scene of his crime; but rarely has it happened that a person wronged enough to take the life of an innocent fellow creature has burdened himself with what must have been a daily reminder of his act and of his appalling dereliction in allowing his offense to be expiated by a stranger. The bit of green gauze he carried as penitents in the middle ages wore their hair shirts, to symbolize the irritations of remorse and, in the suffering they caused, to inflict a modicum of punishment upon themselves. Poe and Hawthorne are dead, but here is a motif for any imaginative dramatist or writer of novels.

EXPRESSION OF FEELING.

Savage man, unless carefully schooled and by the way of exception, gives way to his feelings freely and frequently. Civilized man, on the contrary is continually taught to suppress every evidence of feeling.

In the highest society, especially among English-speaking peoples, every public evidence of sentiment is rigorously frowned upon.

It is a perfectly well ascertained fact that with the suppression of external evidences of feeling goes suppression of the feeling itself. If a man were to set his will against smiling and laughing through an extended period of time, it would end in atrophy of the sense of the ridiculous—he would become as serious in mind as in countenance. Probably there has never been a more striking instance of this than among a large class of New England people of the old stock.

The Puritan set his mind on the next world. This mundane sphere of ours was nothing more to him than a place of preparation for the joys of paradise—or the other place, without joys. Worldly things grew to be unimportant in his inmost soul, and the more they savored of the world the less important they were. He was kept sane in all likelihood by having to work so hard to wrest a living from a stubborn soil.

One reads that there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage hereafter, and by a parity of reasoning here would be little recollection in the next world of other ties of relationship. As a result, in New England, as among ascetic people everywhere, marriage was regarded as more or less of an imperative duty. As a duty it must be, but that was no reason for growing sentimental over it. Feelings were suppressed.

It has always seemed to me that the result has been to eliminate feeling from a large and important, almost a ruling, class among Americans. It certainly has done away with much expression of feeling. Men may grow to regard one another with intense affection and be bound by the most complete ties of friendship, yet hesitate about showing it by any outward sign.

It also seems to me that life is too short for that sort of thing. None of us makes so many friends that he can afford to let friendship go unacknowledged by tender and trustful words and signs.

In reason, affection should be shown and shown frequently. It is the most precious thing in the world.

NATIONAL AIRS.

The national airs of great countries are short, while those of little countries are long. "God Save the Queen" is fourteen bars, the Russian hymn is sixteen bars, and "Hail Columbia" has twenty-eight bars. Siam's national hymn has seventy-six bars, and that of Uruguay seventy; Chili's forty-six, and so on. San Marino has the longest national hymn, except China, which is so long that people take half a day off to listen to it.

PERSONAL MENTION.

G. L. Hills, of Svenson, is an Astoria visitor, today.

Mesdames C. W. Fulton, L. P. Upshur, Frank Spittle and G. C. Fulton, of this city were among the passengers for Seaside on yesterday morning's train.

Hon. John Minto, of Salem is in the city, a guest at the Hotel Occident. Mr. Minto is one of the patriarchs of Oregon and a prominent factor in its best history. He is an authority on live-stock, horticulture and good roads and an unfailing source of information on men, dates, incidents and affairs of the pioneer days of this state, and in no wise behind the times when it comes to matters of the hour.

F. C. Fox of the Astoria Iron Works, is due to arrive from Chicago, where he has been for the past ten months in the interest of his company.

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Greensburg, Pa., June 16, 1903.

JAMES CURRAN.

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